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CHINESE COMMUNIST MANIFESTO

A General Criticism of All Political Parties in the Country

FOREIGN POWERS AND THE MILITARISTS

We have just received from the executive committee at Canton of the Communist Party in China, a very interesting statement of their views and stand in connexion with the present political situation.

After dealing with the history of China's political troubles and Tsao Kun's *coup d'état*, resulting in the overthrow of Li Yuan-hung, the statement says that the *coup* was effected with help from Americans and the pro-American Christian general, Feng Yü-hsing. With the support of the diplomatic party, Tsao hoped for financial assistance from America. He dared to expel Li only because he was backed by American power and the result is a victory for American imperialism. All enemies of the Chihli clique who desire to play with Li Yuan-hung as a toy want to escort him to Mukden or Hangchow and have him continue as nominal President.

The Tuan Chi-jui group of An-fu is irreconcilable, ~~more~~ the paper, but their crimes are known to the world. They wish to utilize the people's hatred to regain their lost power. Bowing to Tuan is the same as bowing to other Chihli parties. The Anfu and Chihli parties are backed by imperialists, but a victory by either of them would do nothing for the benefit of China. Neither will be recognized by the people.

Shameless and Greedy M. P's.

In connexion with Parliament, the statement says: "The shameless, greedy and rough members of Parliament are fed by Tsao Kun for a long time. If there are honest and clean elements among them why did they not come to the foreground? The organizations of merchants, students and workers have expressively denied the right of the Parliament to represent the people. Which elements of the people are represented by the Parliament? The proposal to remove it to the south is a proposal contradictory to the opinion of the people. When the Parliament will finish the Constitution and elect the President, the people will declare that the decisions of the Parliament are valueless."

The southwestern generals come in for their share, also. They are accused of maintaining big armies for suppressing the rights of the people and making fortunes in a manner which is no better than that of the Chihli militarists.

Nominally they want to establish a federation of autonomous provinces, but actually they want to establish a federation of tuchuns.

The writers then state: "The creation of an independent state and the establishment of a revolutionary government need the efforts of the people and many hardships and much suffering. We cannot follow the example of some Korean nationalists, who claimed recognition at the Versailles and Washington Conferences, by which help they hoped to succeed, but who did not endeavour to make the revolution. The militarists who have made their combinations with the Foreign Powers are hated by us. But many who hate these militarists try to secure support from the Powers to break the power of the militarists. People who cannot understand the close co-operation between the militarists and foreign imperialists cannot create an independent and autonomous state. On the contrary we demand only a government created by the people's own efforts, a government created by the revolution. The people can never recognize a government made and controlled by any imperialist state."

After urging the people to fight against Tsao Kun and to hold a national congress composed of delegates from the chambers of commerce, agricultural unions, student unions and other professional unions of the whole country at a suitable place, under the

auspices of the Kuomintang, this congress to take upon itself the task of drafting the constitution, the unification of the country and the establishment of a new Chinese Government, the statement reads:--

"The new government, born out of the National Congress, with real revolutionary nationalist force, will crush the power of the militarists of the whole of China and also of the foreign imperialists behind them. This Government will not be a local government, but will really be qualified as a People's Government; it will not be a government of co-operating militarists under the control of foreign imperialists.

"Brethren, this is the only way to save the Chinese from the twofold suppression of the militarists and the foreign Powers.

"Down with the Imperialist Powers, which utilize the militarists for exploitation of China!

"Down with the militarists, who co-operate with the foreign Powers for the suppression of the people!

"National Revolutionaries of whole China, unite!"

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